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## **SMITH SELECTED AS ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Felicia Cummings Smith, executive director of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development (CCLD) in Lexington, will serve as associate commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education’s (KDE’s) Office of Teaching and Learning.

“Felicia’s work with the CCLD, along with her experience as a teacher and a consultant at KDE, made her a natural choice for this position,” said Education Commissioner Terry Holliday. “As we work to implement legislative requirements, such as those mandated in Senate Bill 1, her expertise will be invaluable.”

Smith’s job duties will include oversight of three divisions within the office: Curriculum Development; Early Childhood Development; and Secondary and Virtual Learning. The work of these divisions is centered around P-12 teaching and learning; subject-area resources; preschool and early childhood education; virtual learning; dropout prevention; and high schools.

Smith earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Louisville and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Kentucky.

Along with her most recent position, Smith’s previous work experience includes elementary school teacher, reading resource teacher and state Reading First coordinator.

Smith is a resident of Frankfort. She began her new duties on September 1, and her salary has been set at \$108,000.

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